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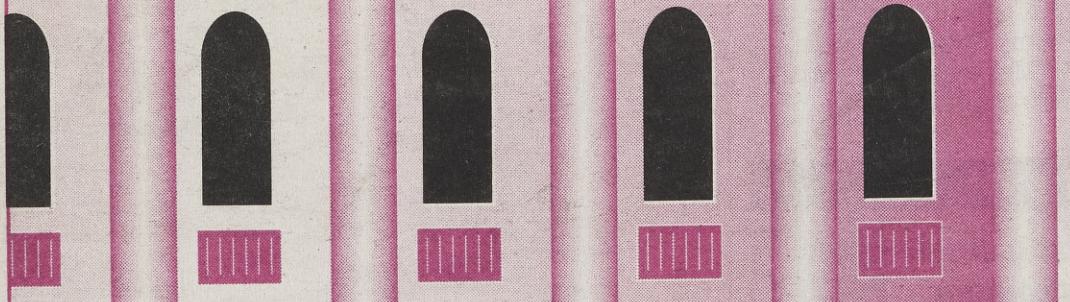
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Cowgirl thanks

Dear Editor,

I wish to thank the Fairy Godfathers, Meta, Rick, Mike, Kirby, Mr. Cowboy John, Ms. Cowgirl Maggie, Bartender Mike (aka God) and Western owner Sonny for allowing me to present my St. Patrick's Bash and Birthday Party on March 13. Thanks to all of you. We raised \$165 to benefit Cowboy/Cowgirl Barndance '93. Without the support of the community and all the wonderful giving entertainers it would not be possible.

*Miss Cowgirl '92 and '93 Lady
Cathy Douglas Fuller*

Star Trek episode

Dear Editor:

I feel the recent episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* killed the AIDS "monster" and marks the beginning of the end for the deadly virus. The *Star Trek* episode "Aquiel," which aired in the first week of February, killed the AIDS beast created by film director John Carpenter in his 1982 remake of *The Thing*, and coincides exactly with the announcement of a likely AIDS cure. *The Thing* was made about four years before the actual AIDS virus was discovered — long before the director or anyone understood the nature of the beast.

I feel Carpenter's *Thing* was a mythical representation of AIDS; 1) started on all-male Antarctic base, 2) jumped from man to man when two men were alone together, 3) was projected on a computer as a disease that would spread exponentially, 4) contaminated the base's blood supply, 5) passed from a patient to a doctor through an open chest wound and 6) could be detected by a blood test devised by the hero.

At the end of the movie the viewer was led to believe that *The Thing* could still be alive; in the extensively edited version for TV, the monster survived in the body of a dog.

A team of scientists reported the discovery of chemicals that prevent HIV viruses from multiplying. The team was led by Ernest Kun, head of San Francisco State's Laboratory of Environmental

Toxicology in Tiburon. The compounds, called NOBA and NOBP, wreck the "zinc finger" crucial for replication of the AIDS virus.

On the very same day — February 4 — KBHK aired a new episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* in the San Francisco Bay Area. In the show, titled "Aquiel," a lieutenant on a space station is implicated in the murder of a colleague. The real culprit is a monster that disguises itself as it jumps from person to person. In the finale, the monster is hiding in the body of a dog and, as it assumes its natural shape, the engineering chief kills it with a phaser.

The Kun team's announcement and the show's airing was more than a coincidence. Both science and science fiction were killing the same monster on the same day.

Maybe, history operates at two levels: 1) linear, observable events in the material world, and 2) a non-linear series of episodes in the collective unconscious, which are expressed by artists through our culture.

To the ancient Greeks and Romans, this was common knowledge: mythology, history and literature were inseparable. Unfortunately, in our modern age, we are ignorant of the spiritual plane in our media. If you want to know what God is thinking today, look to artists, actors, writers, musicians. They know God. She moves in mysterious ways. I am a writer and metaphysician, and have served as an editor for The Doctors' Company, a medical professional liability insurance company in Napa. I am the author of a screenplay, *The Black Stone*.

Robert S. Urbanek

Christian symbols

Dear Editor:

The bill sponsored by the New Mexico Lesbian-Gay Political Alliance (N.M.L.-G.P.A.) to secure civil rights for lesbians/gays in New Mexico died in committee last month.

Earlier in the same week an excellent rally, showing strong support for the bill from many diverse segments of New Mexico society, was held in front of the state

legislative building. I was proud to be there. Unfortunately, a small group of hate-spewing, fear-driven fundamentalists heckled and harassed rally speakers and obfuscated the issues. There claim to Christian fame appeared to be limited to the (mis)use of Christian symbols and nomenclature. The commitment to love, truth, and justice was observed among the rally's speakers and participants.

N.M.L.-G.P.A.'s program now is informational and educational, to prepare the way for the same bill to be introduced and hopefully enacted at the next opportunity. Persons wishing to provide moral or financial support may do so by writing to Neil Ibsin, President, N.M.L.-G.P.A., P.O. Box 24191, Albuquerque, N.M. 87125, or by phoning Neil at (505) 275-9721

Sincerely,
Warren Barnes

New fan of Debra Ortiz

Dear Editor:

The election is over, and I have a new city councilmember representing me and my neighbors in the 5th District. Even though I supported another "good democrat," Jean Shaw Connelly, congratulations and best wishes to our new Councilmember Debra Ortiz.

But, I won't spend a minute crying sour grapes about the campaign, and I certainly don't think the winners should either! We have too much to accomplish as a community to spend a minute diverting our attention

by finger pointing.

I know during political campaigns accusations are made, and some people get their feelings hurt, but Ms. Ortiz publicly accused the Shaw Connelly campaign of trying to side step campaign contribution reforms. And, yes, Dominic Barajas, who worked on the Shaw-Connelly campaign, said he heard that Ms. Ortiz was exchanging political favors for an endorsement. Remember about a year ago, when Senator Bob Kerry was calling Bill Clinton a womanizing draft dodger? Now Kerry is out jogging with the President a couple of times a month and is traveling the country selling "Clintonomics."

I'm not saying that I approve of "accusation-based politics." I am willing to put the campaign behind, and get on to the business of building productive coalitions for the benefit of our community.

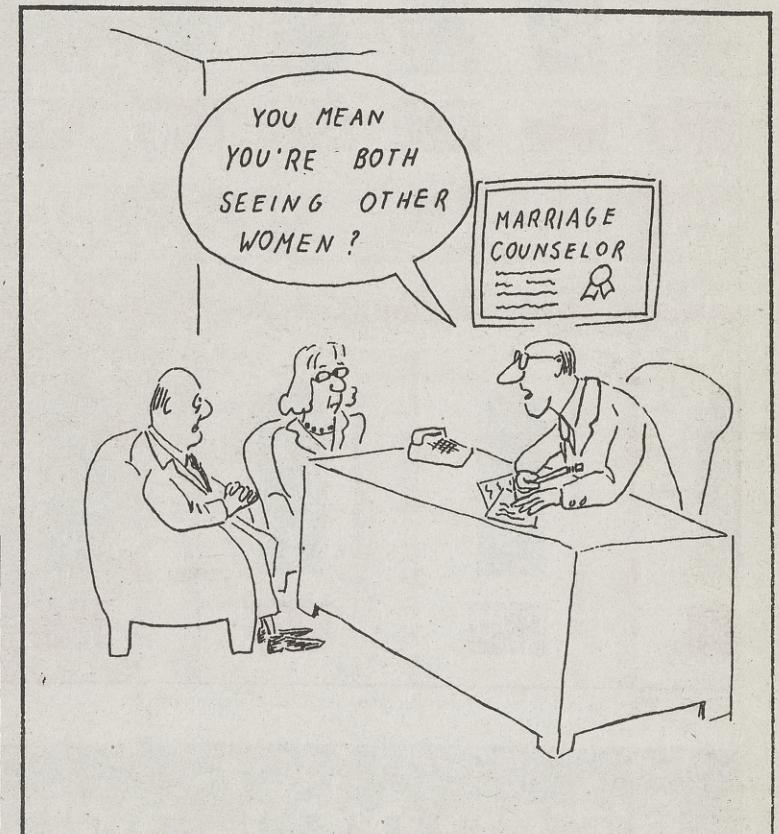
The reason I so strongly supported Jean Shaw-Connelly is that like former Mayor Anne Rudin, I see in Jeannie, the wonderful quality of courage. She acts and votes on issues based upon what is right and wrong ... politics be damned! I know Jeannie would have always been there with a vote for our community, without a concern for whether or not it fit conveniently into a political agenda. I'm willing to assume that Debra Ortiz will carry a similar flag for our community. And, I will support her in her efforts to support us.

As a solid supporter of Jean Shaw-Connelly, as a new fan of Debra Ortiz, and as a member of RCDC for many, many years, I say let's move forward, together.

Sincerely,
Ted J. Ross

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Life Lobby opposes Bergeson

by Aaron Marcus
MGW Staff

Assembly hearings resume April 19 over confirmation of Gov. Pete Wilson's nomination of state Senator Marian Bergeson (R - Riverside) to replace Bill Honig as state schools chief - without the support of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) - the state's gay and lesbian lobby.

The lobby announced that it was opposing the nomination of Bergeson, in part, because of the inconsistent track record Bergeson has demonstrated in regards to gay and lesbian issues.

Bergeson had a face-to-face meeting with LIFE's executive Director, Laurie McBride, late in March in which Bergeson volunteered that she was a "mixed bag" on AIDS and gay and lesbian civil rights issues. McBride described the meeting as "cordial" but added that they had agreed to disagree on many issues.

Bergeson's first Assembly hearing was held on April 1; an acrimonious exchange on issues from extending from taxes to school vouchers - and including "Project 10", the Los Angeles-based gay and lesbian support organization for gay teenagers.

Bergeson clearly intended to communicate that her role as schools chief would be different from that as a Senator, but at the same time failed to give any indications that she would be supportive of gay and lesbian-positive educational efforts or AIDS prevention efforts in schools. Instead, Bergeson indicated support of "local control" over controversial issues - an idea that would allow local school boards to determine the presentation of controversial issues in the classroom.

Indeed as a Senator, Bergeson has taken a conser-

vative, moralistic attitude towards homosexuality akin to that of Lou Sheldon's Traditional Values Coalition (TVC). In a 1987 letter to Bill Honig, Bergeson joined John Doolittle and 8 other senators in asking the state Board of Education to revise the homosexual portion of the proposed Family Life Curriculum guidelines, stating in part that the sections in question would "violate Section 44806 of the State Education Code, which clearly says that teachers 'should impress upon the minds of pupils the principles of morality.'"

The letter goes on specifically quoting and recommending use of TVC wording in the education guidelines and ends with the argument "... the physical and moral health of our children is important, and we must provide only the most appropriate guidance for California's teachers."

According to LIFE's McBride, Bergeson is an accessible Senator, willing to discuss and consider issues affecting California's HIV & lesbian and gay communities, however as McBride put it, "she has failed to be there for us at very critical moments, including voting against AB 2601 twice - one time when we really needed her vote."

Following the next Assembly hearing, Bergeson faces a full vote before the Assembly before hearings are held in the Senate. Political observers say that if she clears the Assembly vote, Senate confirmation is assured - a matter of courtesy among her peers.

Even if confirmed, Bergeson's tenure will be limited unless she is re-elected to the post in the next general election, scheduled for June 1994. ▼

Social workers plan a march at Capitol

by Marghe Covino
MGW Staff

Social workers and students from CSU Sacramento, who call themselves Social Workers for Social Responsibility are planning a solidarity march and demonstration at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on April 25. The march is planned to demonstrate solidarity with gay and lesbian civil rights marchers in Washington, D.C. for the April 25 March on Washington.

Joyce Miller, one of the group's organizers said, "Some of us are gay/lesbian and some are not. We want our voices to be heard with our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters to make sure the issues of social justice stay in the public consciousness." Miller's group is issuing a call to "all the men and women in California who, for one reason or another were unable to make it to Washington, D.C. but feel they want to participate in this historic occasion."

Miller is hoping that notices in gay/lesbian newspapers will result in organizations and individuals contacting her at (916) 736-0426 or another parade organizer, Monica Erdosh, (916) 457-3849 for more information. ▼

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Another shot at the "hole"

Brown's new bill

by Aaron Marcus
MGW Staff

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D - San Francisco) introduced a bill which will undo recent case law that damaged the enforcement options of local



municipal anti-discrimination ordinances protecting gays and lesbians from employment and housing discrimination. The bill went up for its first committee hearing April 14.

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Gary Myerson - Sacramento County Health Council
Sacramento AIDS Foundation
Frank Ricchiazzi - State Republican Party
Jayne Rountree - Natomas Community Planning
Mark Whisler - Human Rights Commission
and others...

AB 2199 includes language that specifically addresses the legal "hole" shot through local anti-discrimination ordinances such as those established in Sacramento, San Francisco and other communities following the March appellate court decision of Delaney vs. Superior Fast Freight.

In that decision, the court held that state law preempted local ordinance, specifically in regards to the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), and therefore individuals could not file court suits based on those ordinances.

Brown's bill alters the government code to eliminate the state preemption of local civil rights ordinances, but as before, makes no mention in

the Fair Employment and Housing Act of homosexuality.

Past legislative efforts of AB 1 and AB 101 were attempts to amend FEHA to include gays and lesbians as a protected class but were repeatedly vetoed by the governor in office at the time of their passage.

AB 2601, the anti-discrimination bill signed last year by Pete Wilson applied to the labor code only, and has no impact on housing and accommodations. In many communities, local ordinances filled that gap and until the Delaney decision, provided a protective umbrella for lesbians and gays.

Even if AB 2199 were to eventually be vetoed by the governor, observers believe that Delaney vs. Superior Fast Freight is an evolving case and that the ramifications of last month's decision could change in later court appeals.

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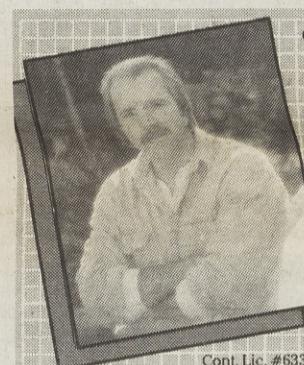
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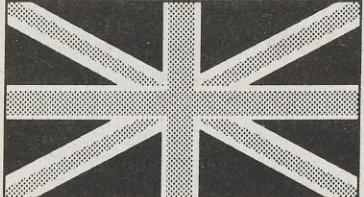
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By Sonya Cox,
AIDS/HIV Editor

AZT Stories cause confusion...

Many of the media reports about a study called the "Concord Trial," an AZT study reported on recently in the British scientific journal Lancet, have condensed the controversial findings to the



AIDS Walk is here!

The 1993 Sacramento AIDS Walk will take place on Sunday, June 6. Supporters can either walk (from the west steps of the Capitol, around McKinley Park, and back to the Capitol for the usual semi-party get-together), or they can sponsor a

point of possibly creating confusion and fear (extremely undesirable stressors) in people with AIDS taking the drug. The purpose was apparently to determine how well AZT might work if given when a person has a high number of

Executive Director

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T-cells, rather than at the place it is now given (at 500 T-cells). Additionally, the study was about AZT alone, and did not explore the fact that the drug works even better when combined with other similar treatments, such as DDI or DDC. Several stories in the media, unfortunately, left people with the impression that it doesn't matter one way or the other if AZT is taken. Most AIDS knowledgeable physicians agree that many years have been added to the lives of people taking AZT either alone or in combination with DDI or DDC. (More on this subject when this issue of Lancet becomes available.)

walker (any amount may be donated, although a handsome T-shirt will be awarded to all walkers who collect more than \$150 from their sponsors). Registration starts at 8 am. The walk - about 2-1/2 hours at a leisurely pace - starts at 9 am. Money is turned in on the day of the walk at registration time, so sponsors need to get their donation to the walker they're sponsoring before June 6. Sponsor sign-up sheets can be obtained from the AIDS Foundation (920 - 20th St); for questions, call Troy or Beth at 448-2437.

Bacterial outbreaks increasing...

A second outbreak of a deadly intestinal bacterial disease (first at Jack in the Box, and now at Sizzler) is no surprise to health authorities, they say. Contaminated meat has been blamed for the first outbreak; and salad dressings and sauces containing bad mayonnaise for the second. About 20,000 cases of food poisoning occur across the nation every year, but few states are required to report them. In fact, a large percentage of what people call "24-hour flu" are cases of

food poisoning. The stories received attention this time because people died. Health authorities say most cases are because of undercooked hamburger, and emphasize that "There's no such thing as germ-free raw meat." The E. coli bacteria is present in animal intestines and can contaminate meat during slaughter. People with HIV disease and AIDS, and their friends, are encouraged to take special care to avoid bacteria in foods by more thoroughly cooking meats, especially hamburger (new standards call for internal temperatures of ground beef to be 155 degrees to be safe). And with summer heat and cook-outs approaching, don't take a chance by letting that bottle of mayonnaise sit on the table for an hour. Use what you need when you need it, and get bottles containing eggs, milk, etc., back into the refrigerator as soon as possible.

Testing, Testing...

Ninety children ages one month to 12 years across the nation will receive a new genetically-engineered vaccine aimed at triggering the immune system in youngsters with HIV disease who are not yet sick. Reac-

tions among children under 2 will also be compared to reactions of older children. About 10,000 children in the United States currently are infected with HIV. They develop symptoms more quickly than adults - about 50 percent develop a serious AIDS infection between the ages of 3 and 6. Each child in this study will receive a shot every 4 weeks for 6 months, and be monitored for fevers or other reactions to the vaccine.

The rare leaves of a vine growing in a small portion of a Cameroon rain forest contain a chemical that appears to block reproduction of HIV in the test tube. The alkaloid, Michellamine B, is being examined by researchers at the National Cancer Institute, but it's not known how much of the vine exists or how best to cultivate it.

Another drug apparently working well in the test tube U-90,152 will soon be tried on humans. It works a different place in HIV's reproduction cycle than the three anti-virals currently being used: AZT, DDI, and DDC. It's hoped that using U-90,152 in combination with one or more of the currently available drugs will be even more effective in overcoming HIV's ability to reproduce.

Prevention funding reduced...

Federal officials announced that Congress is directing just \$129 million for grants to states for AIDS prevention this year, compared to \$144 million last year, and \$159 in 1991. This could mean many education centers across the country could close down, and that more and more people will become infected. ▼

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Police chief lifts gay ban

S.F. Police Chief Tony Ribera sent a letter to Gen. Colin Powell urging his support of President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on gays in the military. Noting that when the first gay police officer was hired in 1979, he "had doubts," Ribera said that "events of the past 14 years have changed my thinking ... As platoon commander in the Mission District, 20 of his 65 officers were gay. During that time "there was not a single incident of unprofessional conduct by the gay or lesbian officers working for me ..."

— BAR

Boy Scouts of America

Police changes gay policy

Former LAPD Sgt. Mitch Groberson and two other officers settled their lawsuit against the city of Los Angeles and former Police Chief Daryl Gates for \$770,000 and an official promise from new Police Chief Willie Williams to end gay discrimination and harassment and launch a recruiting program for gays in the police force. Groberson, now a policeman in San Francisco, will be reinstated and will advise Chief Williams on issues related to gay and lesbian officers.

— Frontiers

Gay police officer vs. Boy Scouts

Since Officer Chuck Merino, El Cajon Police Department, was dismissed by BSA last summer, gay rights' issues have polarized the San Diego area. The dispute has impacted the San Diego P.D., City Council, and the U.S.D. who have withdrawn support of BSA until the anti-gay policy is changed, ad the County Sheriff's Department and United Way who maintain that Boy Scout's should have choice. Merino, a volunteer with Explorers is awaiting the results of his challenge of the new California law that outlaws job discrimination against homosexuals.

— L.A. Times

Theatre is big winner

San Francisco's Theatre

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Saturday, June 19 at McKinley Park

Rhinoceros has received seven Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award nominations and five nominations by the 19th annual Cable Car Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Theatre. In a ceremony held in Los Angeles, Drama-Logue Awards were presented to "Wild Blue" as Outstanding Production and to Adele Prandini for Outstanding Direction. At a March 13 ceremony hosted by Bay Area Career Women, playwright, director, and Theatre Rhinoceros Artistic Director will be presented the first Lesbians of Achievement, Vision, and Action Award for "private creation."

— SGN

Pen Pal Club embraces HIV population

Formed in 1991 to serve the needs of People with AIDS, the Pen Pal Project is open to persons who may not be directly affected by HIV. All members have the opportunity to meet new people and gain "an unforgettable growth and learning experience. Info: SASE to Pen Pal, Box 635, Chowchilla, CA 93610.

— SGN

St. Pat's Parade sans Irish gay organization

A federal judge blocked New York City's attempt to force sponsors of this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade to include a gay group calling the parade "a form of speech protected by the Constitution. The Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization's spokesperson Brendan Fay said the group was "very saddened and outraged by this" and that some kind of protest would be stayed.

— SGN

Supervisors fail to override veto

Openly lesbian Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg led the effort to overturn Mayor Jordan's veto of the city's withdrawal of the symbolic sum of \$6 million from Bank of America to protest their continued support of the Boy Scouts despite the Scout policy to ban gays from participating.

— Frontiers

San Diego schools dump boy scouts

The San Diego Unified School District's Board of Education unanimously decided to prohibit the Boy Scouts from

running school-day programs in response to the Scouts' exclusion of gays. The decision blocks Scout volunteers and representatives from conducting leadership and career guidance classes effective July 1993. The board indicated BSA will be welcome again once they end their discrimination against gays.

— Frontiers

CMF Prison retaliates gays

The California Medical Facility (CMF) is the focus of a class action lawsuit, being monitored by the courts, challenging substandard medical and psychiatric care at the prison. Three inmates — Brian Carmichael, Charles Perry, and Laos Shuman — are facing disciplinary action for their parts in the protests and hunger strike that led to Assemblyman John Burton's 25 recommendations to clean up medical abuse and neglect. Dr. Jan Diamond, HIV specialist, was hired to upgrade medical services, but prisoners fear a return to previous conditions when Dr. Diamond's limited contract expires on April 30.

— Act-Up, SF

Measure 9 in California?

Have we become complacent as a result of so many election victories? Unless we as a community awaken from this stupor, we may well see an end to gay rights in California. Rev. Sheldon of the Traditional Values Coalition in Orange County is pushing for an initiative like measure 9 to go before voters in 1994. "Oh, well," you might say. Christine Craft recently held a telephone poll about Colorado's Amendment 2. Callers, in less than one hour, registered 860 votes in support of anti-gay legislation while fewer than 90 callers opposed Amendment 2. Even though this is a non-scientific poll taken amongst more conservative listeners, we can't ignore the fact that only ONE in TEN callers were concerned enough to support gay rights.

New Texas senator pro lesbian/gay rights

Governor Ann Richards' appointment of Texas Railroad Commissioner Robert Krueger to fill the seat vacated by Senator Lloyd Bentsen is a plus: "We are very happy that Governor Richards has appointed a supporter of lesbian and gay rights to fill Senator Bentsen's seat."

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P-FLAG convention

Register by May 1 and save 10 percent! The 12th Annual International Convention of the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will be held over Labor Day weekend in New Orleans. Nationally renowned lesbian songstress and comedian Lynn Lavner will perform Friday night: "This leather be-decked entertainer ... bridge[s] the gap between gay and straight audiences" according to N.Y. Native. Other activities include workshops, bus tour, Mardi Gras style evening, etc. Info: P-FLAG Host Committee, Box 15485, New Orleans, LA 70175 or call co-chairs Billy Henry (504) 288-2332 or Stewart Butler (504) 523-3922.

Lesbian physicians conference marks milestone

The 10th annual Lesbian Physicians Conference will convene in Alexandria, VA, April 25-28. The historic four-day meeting, sponsored by AAPHR, will be held in conjunction with the April 25 National March on Washington. The conference provides an educational program and professional and emotional support for lesbian physicians. For a registration packet, AAPHR (415) 255-4547.

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The Neiman Marcus stores presented a check for \$130,000 to American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). Neiman Marcus collaborated with 49 designers to create an exclusive accessory collection to raise funds. The collection is sold in the 27 Neiman Marcus stores nationwide.

Gay/lesbian broadcasters announce convention

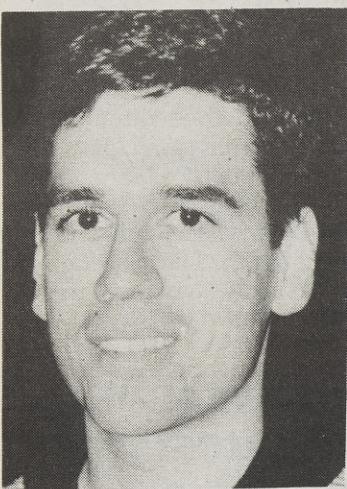
The first annual Dinner and Social of Gay and Lesbian Broadcasters (GLB) is slated for Tuesday, April 20 during the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Convention in Las Vegas. Gay and Lesbian Broadcasters is a new networking and socializing organization that is an outgrowth of informal gatherings that have met annually since 1980. Previous attendees have represented all areas of broadcasting and related fields, including management, production, programming, engineering, and manufacturing. Info: (800) 864-2894, or (702) 789-2931.

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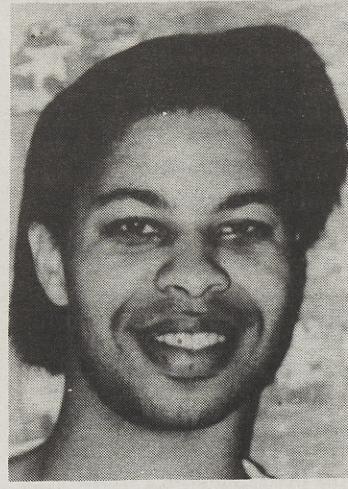
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Chris Tafoya
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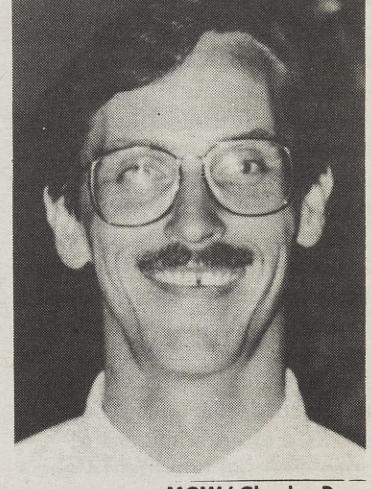
Tina Ballard
Yes. I'm ready for Women's Weekend, riding my motorcycle, and some fun in the sun.



Ricki Young
Yeah, I'm ready. You get to wear your spandex and you look cute.



Debbie Lee
No. Because my legs are white and I won't be caught dead in shorts.



Fred Moore
Oh yes. My house is closing and I'll be doing a lot of gardening and sitting poolside and a vacation to Kauai.

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MEDIA WATCH

By Hollie Conley
GLAAD/SFBA

Roger Wilkins

The homophobia expressed by Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in his opposition to the integration of the armed forces has been especially painful, since Powell has been for many a visible symbol of overcoming racism. National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* recently included a powerful commentary by Roger Wilkins, history professor at George Mason University. Wilkins related, from the perspective of an African American, his dismay at the bigotry expressed by Powell. Referring to Powell's statement that skin color, unlike homosexuality is a "benign" characteristic, Wilkins pointed out that "being black isn't viewed as benign, even today by many Americans, and it certainly wasn't viewed that way in 1948." He pointed out the close parallels between the "hysterical stereotypes" about the behavior of blacks and gays, and pointed out the absurdity of obsession over inappropriate sexual behavior of gays and lesbians given the rampant sexual harassment and rape in the armed forces. Wilkins closed by saying that "By lending the enormous prestige of his office, and in

this instance, the moral authority of his blackness to the side of the doubters ... General Powell has served none of us well." Send a note of support to Wilkins: Roger Wilkins, Dept. of History, George Mason University, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030. Thank NPR for providing an African American perspective on Powell's homophobia: Bob Ferrante, Executive Producer/Morning Edition/NPR, 2025 M St. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

NAACP

The board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, on February 20 voted to endorse the upcoming March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Equal Rights. The resolution, passed unanimously, included a broad statement of support for equal protection and opportunity for all people regardless of sexual orientation, as well as for ending discrimination in the military. Please express your support for the resolution and for increased coalition building between all victims of prejudice by writing to Dr. William Gipson, Chair, and Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director,

NAACP, 4805 Mt. Hope Dr., Baltimore MD 21215.

Lesbian Sources

Garland Publishing, publishers of a wide range of gay and lesbian studies titles, has just released *Lesbian Sources: A Bibliography of Periodical Articles 1970-1990*. This 700 page bibliography is the fruit of five years of research, and includes over 3500 cross-referenced entries, in over 100 categories, of articles relating to all aspects of lesbian life and identity. The work is of course quite expensive (\$75) but encourage your local public or university library to get a copy for facilitating lesbian/gay research. The publishers may be contacted at Garland Publishing, 1000A Sherman Ave., Hamden CT 06514; to order: (800) 627-6273.

Forbes

Thomas Sowell, continuing a bizarre defense of discrimination against gays and lesbians in *Forbes* magazine, has been at it again. In a column entitled "Gay Bashing," with the subheading "Many of those trying to protect homosexuals are helping make them targets instead. Nobody likes teachers' pets." In his trademark style, Sowell jumped randomly from subject to subject, but the gist of his argument was that violence against gay men should be blamed on gay and lesbian activists and on the fact that society has made us into "sacred cows." Sowell cited two recent physical attacks against gay men, then set out to explain the phenomenon. "Gay activists do not hesitate to engage in the most outrageous public behavior" he said, "blatant disregard of other people's rights and feelings have become standard among activists who decry the 'insensitivity' of others." In closing he admitted that gay bashing, like gay activism, is a bad thing: "Gay bashing is not

something that should be tolerated. But neither should gays be allowed to bash the rest of us when we dare to discuss their issues." Of course Sowell has a right to his prejudices, and *Forbes* has a right to sell prejudice instead of information, but Sowell's perspective on lesbians and gays is currently the only one that *Forbes* is choosing to print. If they're going to continue to promote Sowell's bigotry, they should include reasonable discussion of these issues - preferably by a lesbian or gay voice. Write: James W. Michael, Editor, *Forbes*, 60 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

The Atlantic

The March issue of the *Atlantic* included a cover story of an in-depth look at 30 years of scientific research into the causes of sexual orientation entitled "Homosexuality and Biology." The piece traced findings and research regarding sexual orientation and sexual identity in various fields. The piece also reviewed the outrageous torture of lesbians and gay men carried out by American psychiatrists in the 1940s and 50s. Significantly, the article was written by a gay man, Chandler Burr, who stated his sexual orientation in the article. Burr closed his piece by cautioning that we shouldn't count on science to overcome prejudice. "Five decades of psychiatric evidence demonstrates that homosexuality is immutable, and nonpathological, and a growing body of more recent evidence implicates biology in the development of sexual orientation ... How can one justify discriminating against people on the basis of such a characteristic? ... One cannot ... it would be wise to acknowledge that science can be a rickety platform on which to erect an edifice of rights ... the issue of gay people in America life did not arise in the laboratory. The principles needed to resolve it will not arise there either." This prominent and

intelligent article should be supported: William Whitworth, Editor, *The Atlantic*, 745 Boylston St., Boston MA 02116, (617) 536-9500.

Daniel Schorr

Daniel Schorr, the long time reporter and commentator who currently serves as senior news analyst for National Public Radio, recently included some disturbing comments in a *Washington Post* column, which also ran in the *Oakland Tribune*. The article dealt with the changing meaning of words, especially the word "zoo" (the Bronx zoo was recently changed to the "International Wildlife Conservation Park"). Schorr was bemoaning the practice of shifting a word's meaning on the basis of one's political perspective. Of course Schorr had to talk about the word "gay": "I think of other words that become endangered species because of the way people misuse them. I have long mourned the loss of "gay," and the time one would quote, 'When our hearts were young and gay,' without getting involved in a Pentagon battle. Now I suppose, we will have to give up 'closet' as a place where you hang clothes rather than a place a gay comes out of." Schorr usually seems like a sensitive guy. You might remind him that our use of the word "gay" goes back to before he was born - if it wasn't in common usage at the time it's because the media considered us too disgusting to talk about. And given that the culture didn't even have any other nonabusive words for us, our right to name ourselves is a compelling question of human rights and dignity - and not to be ridiculed. Write: Daniel Schorr, c/o National Public Radio, 2025 M St. NW, Washington DC 20036.

The only way to cure homophobia is to confront it! Notify the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, of all defamations, and if possible supply us with documentation. Phone (415) 861-4588; South Bay Hotline (408) 235-0229; East Bay Hotline (510) 273-9146; fax (415) 861-4893. Write: GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St., #B, S.F., CA 94114.

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National Bear Gathering
Lincoln Memorial, noon, (206) 624-1195
NMAC Congressional Dinner, (202) 544-1076
Candlelight Vigil, Holocaust Museum, Rachel Wallenberg Plaza, 8pm

Friday April 23

Lobby Days, office visits on Capitol Hill
NGLTF Lesbian Action Breakfast, 8am, 1734 14th St. N.W.
NGLTF Open House, 11am-4pm, 1734 14th St. N.W.
Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf Conference, Party, (301) 270-5484 V & TTY, (301) 649-4332 TTY
MOW Black Tie Banquet
Drag Show Extravaganza, (202) 265-5891
Gay and Lesbian Parent Coalition International, banquet and reception, (301) 762-4828.
ACT UP/Network Benefit, (816) 753-5930
Harmonic Convergence — A Gay and Lesbian Choral Festival, Lisner Auditorium/GWU, 21st and H, NW, 8pm
HOEDOWN! Country Western Dance Extravaganza, National Bldg. Museum, 401 F St., NW, 9pm
Gay and Lesbian Elected Officials Gathering, (206) 684-5321
HRCF Gala Dinner, (202) 628-4160
People of Color Conference, 8am-5pm, (202) 628-0493.
People With Disabilities Dance, (408) 929-7128, (708) 524-0600
Gay and Lesbian Pilots Assoc. Reception, Embassy Suites Hotel, 7pm

Saturday April 24

Hands Around the Capitol, noon, (202) 328-2437
NGLTF Fight the Right Town Meeting, 1-4pm, Washington Hilton
Honoring Our Allies Reception, 4-7pm, Washington Hilton

March For Democracy in the Americas !!

11am - 12:30pm

Meet at the Longshoreman's Union Hall at 600 4th St. at 11am and march to the north side of the Capitol.

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for more information contact
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NGLTF Fundraiser — Romanovsky & Phillips, Margie Adam, Karen Williams, 8pm, DC Auditorium, \$18
Gay Rites Dance, 9pm-4am, Washington Hilton
Americans We, 7:30pm, Lesbian/Gay Bands of America
Wedding Ceremony of Commitment, 11am, IRS Bldg. (213) 464-5100
Drag Show Extravaganza
Texas Two Step Party, 6pm, (512) 479-8473
Bi National Gathering
Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling
Motorcycle Run
S/M Leather Fetish Conference
Interfaith Service
MSU/GALA Reunion
Purple Circuit Reception
National AIDS Minority
Prisoner Proxy Project
Asian and Pacific Islander Dinner
Tony Chang's Restaurant, 619 H St. NW, 7pm, (301) 345-1230
Bisexual Dance, GWU, 9pm-1am, (617) BIS-MOVE
March on Washington Party, Tracks, 10pm, (202) 488-3320
HRCF Leadership Conference, (202) 628-4160
Gay Rites Dance, HRCF/NGLTF/MOW, Washington Hilton (202) 332-6483
A Dance — To Benefit Lesbian Health Care, GWU/Marvin Center, 21st and I Sts. NW, 10pm, (202) 332-5536, (202) 797-3585
March on Washington Black-Tie Gala, (202) 628-0493
Women's Dance, NOW, (202) 331-0066
Queer Scout Cookie Sellathon begins, (206) 328-0790
S/M Leather Fetish Kick-Off Party, (614) 488-8138, (212) 989-4692
Taps Ceremony — GLB Veterans of America, (802) 479-7934
Texas Two-Step Party, Food and Dance Tracks, 6pm, (512) 479-8473
Reception Honoring U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein, MCC of Washington, 474 Ridge St., 5pm, (213) 464-5100
Washington Blade — Welcoming Breakfast for Gay & Lesbian members of the media, 1408 U St., NW, 9am-11am, (202) 797-7000
The Wedding — Interfaith Ceremony of Commitment, IRS Bldg., (213) 464-5100
Wedding Reception, (213) 464-5100
Youth Dance, 10pm-1am, (215) 241-7133

Sunday April 25

Opening stage and assembly rally, White House Ellipse, 9am-1pm
The March, Noon
Main Stage & Rally, 2pm-6pm
Freedom Rings Dance, 9pm-2am, Washington Hilton, (617) 262-4878
Disco Dance, AmFAR, National Bldg. Museum, Grand Hall, 7pm-2am
MCC Service at Lincoln Memorial, 7:30pm, (213) 464-5100
Missing In Action, Mall, all day, (212) 853-3908
Lesbian Physicians Conference, (215) 476-7462, thru Weds.
NAMES Project Quilt Display, (415) 863-1966
Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 479-7934
Guys and Dolls, \$100, Kennedy Center, (202) 628-0493

Monday April 26

March on the Pentagon, (202) 332-1212, (404) 933-1953, (718) 768-6852
Lobby Days, MOW, NGLTF, HRCF, Mobilization Against AIDS, office visits on Capitol Hill
Direct Action/Civil Disobedience, (415) 930-0616

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Capitol Hill Guest House, 101 Fifth St. NE, 547-1050.
Embassy Inn, 1627 16th St., 234-7800.
Kalorama Guest House at Kalorama Park, 1854 Mintwood Pl. NW, 667-6369.
Windsor Inn, 1842 16th St. NW, (800) 428-9111.

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DC Eagle, 639 New York Ave. NW, 347-6025.
The Fireplace, 2161 P St. NW, 293-1293.
Follies, 24 O St. SE, 484-0323.
Friends, 2122 P St. NW, 822-8908.
The Green Lantern, 1335 Green Ct. NW, 393-8984.
JR's, 1519 17th St. NW, 328-0090.
La Cage Aux Follies, 18 O St. SE, 554-3615.
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Mr. P's, 2147 P St. NW, 293-1064.
Phase I, 525 8th St. SE, 544-6831.
Rascals, 1920 Connecticut Ave. NW, 234-0975.
The Rogue, 476 K St. NW, 371-2223.
Secrets, 1345 Half St. SE, 554-5141.
Shooters, 1520 Connecticut Ave. NW, 234-0975.
Trumpets, 1603 17th St. NW, 232-4141.
Zone, 56 L St. SE, (202) 488-1200.



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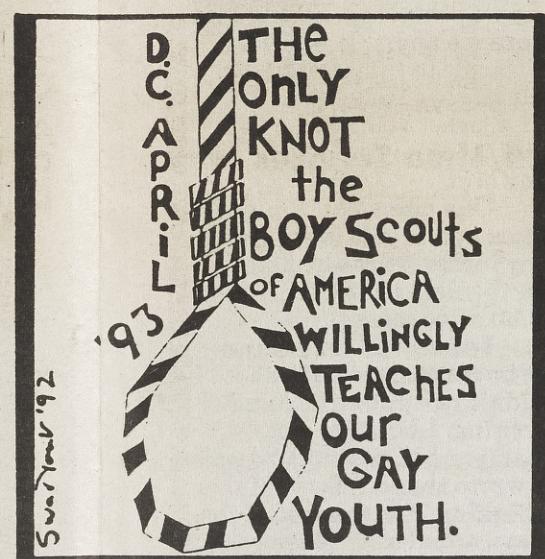


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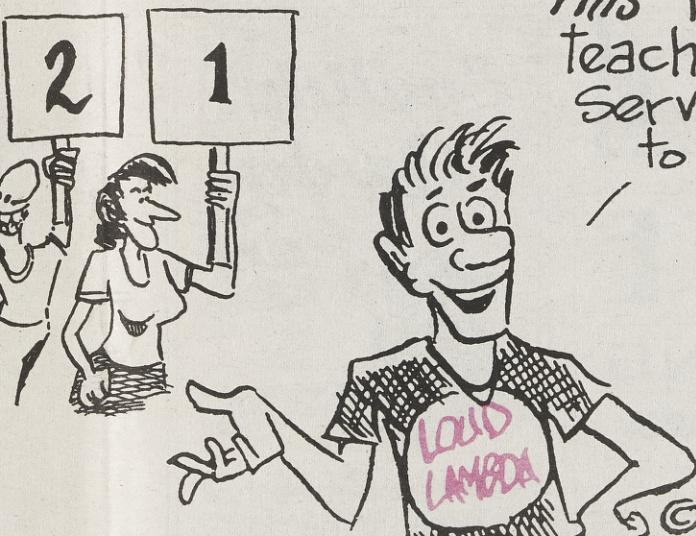


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Quorum, 56 L St. SE, 488-1200.
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Tracks, 1111 First St. SE, 488-3320.
Wild Oats, 539 8th St. SE, 547-WILD (8453).
Ziegfeld's, 1345 Half St. SE, 554-5141.

Cafes

Pop Stop, 1513 17th St. NW, 328-0880.

Health Clubs & Gyms

Club Washington, 20 O St. SE, 488-7317.

This list was provided by Marianne Ferrari of Ferrari Publication which publishes *Places of Interest* for gays and lesbians. ▼

ACTION STATEMENT PREAMBLE TO THE PLATFORM

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender movement recognizes that our quest for social justice fundamentally links us to the struggles against racism and sexism, class bias, economic injustice and religious intolerance. We must realize if one of us is oppressed we all are oppressed. The diversity of our movement requires and compels us to stand in opposition to all forms of oppression that diminish the quality of life for all people. We will be vigilant in our determination to rid our movement and our society of all forms of oppression and exploitation, so that all of us can develop to our full human potential without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age or class. ▼

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2. We demand massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research, and patient care; universal access to health care including alternative therapies; and an end to sexism in medical research and health care.
3. We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgendered people in the areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care and that the definition of family includes the full diversity of all family structures.
4. We demand full and equal inculcation of lesbians, gays, bisexual and transgendered people in the education system, and inclusion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender studies in multicultural curricula.
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He glared at me for a moment longer then began to

yell at me. "You get the hell away from my house you faggot!!! I ain't gonna let you turn my son into no fairy!!!"

I was stunned speechless. I ran back to the car. I wondered who could have told him! That evening I laid in bed and cried.

It was out. I was out. Larry must have been forbidden to see me. I had to fix this there had to be an answer. It was at that point I realized that I needed a girlfriend. I had to have someone with me, someone who would show everyone that I was better now. I did not want to go through life being treated the way Larry's dad had treated me. If I had a girlfriend maybe his dad would not hate me. Maybe we could be friends again.

I had always known that Amanda liked me. I couldn't use Marilyn, I cared too much about her. I always thought Amanda was pretty enough. She liked me enough. I convinced myself that it just might work.

After a while of pondering I finally picked up the phone and called her. I made

small talk, and then asked her to go to the movies with me.

The next morning I saw Larry at school. He pretended not to see me. I grabbed him by the arm and asked him what was going on.

"Man, you need to stay away from me. Your mom called my dad. He thinks I'm gay now! I have to stay away from you. My sister goes to school here, she'll tell my dad and my ass will get kicked."

I asked him if this was what he wanted, or if it was just because of his dad.

Knowing that he wanted to be my friend, but couldn't, would be better than believing that he agreed with his father. He said nothing and walked away.

In the next few days Larry ignored me in class and on campus. I had gone out with Amanda a few times and she and I had fun. I still wanted Larry so much, and now I couldn't even have a smile from him. I stopped him in the halls again one day and told him that I had a girlfriend. I told him that I really liked her and that I felt like I was really going to be ok.

"That is good. My dad still won't buy it. I'm sorry," he said as he walked away.

One night Amanda took me for a drive out in the country. We traveled up hills and down winding wooded roads. I knew her plans. We arrived at a type of cliff that overlooked the lake. She stopped the car and she nestled up to me. "Wow, aren't the stars beautiful?" She bubbled. "You are more beautiful." I lied. In the time we had been together I began to care for her a lot. I felt bad because I knew I didn't mean it when I said she was beauti-

ful, but I had to. It was time.

I knew it was time for us to kiss. I had never kissed a girl, or anyone, intimately in my entire life. I wasn't sure what to do. She made it easy. She adjusted to face me. Her eyes were devouring me. I started to lean toward her to kiss her, then hesitated.

She gazed at me, what must have been meant to be a seductive look. I examined her mouth. It was so small. How was I supposed to reach it. I remembered that you should tilt your head. I wasn't sure though, who was supposed to tilt their head, the guy or the girl?

Finally I decided to tilt my head. I took aim, and moved in.

When our lips met it was a strange sensation. Her lips were clammy and thin. She opened her mouth, so I opened mine. I felt her tongue move into my mouth. I tried to move around and be passionate like the men in the movies, but wasn't sure how to go about it.

I had an idea. I clenched my eyes tightly and imagined I was kissing Larry. I could see his beautiful eyes looking into mine. I became more passionate, and my desire kicked in. After this change in me Amanda was prompted to hum in excitement. I pretended the hum was deeper and more manly. She grabbed my arm and placed my hand on her breast. The illusion was shattered. I began to feel ill. This was going too far.

I pulled away. She looked at me in disappointment. I told her I needed to pee really badly and I was going to run down the trail and find a bush. She let go of me. I

opened the car door, and I felt free.

Her breath was warm and it felt as though it would suffocate me. The outside air was cool and refreshing. I breathed it in not wanting to take it for granted.

This was wrong. I knew it for sure after the kiss. I could not spend another hour, much less the rest of my life pretending that I enjoyed something that I didn't.

I walked for a little bit longer and just thought about the mess I was creating.

I convinced myself that it might take some time but I might eventually get used to it. All I wanted was to go home.

I went back to the car and told her that I needed to get home. I told her I wasn't ready to get too serious, but really liked her. She seemed a little confused and hurt.

Things were getting more complicated and I wasn't sure what I would do.

Weeks passed. I avoided Amanda. The times I did see her, she pretended she was okay with rarely seeing me. I knew she was scared that if she pressured me that she would lose me.

At school Larry looked over at me every once and a while. I could never understand by his expression what he was thinking. Seeing him tore me apart. It was very difficult to function in art class. He surely hated me. His father thought he was gay, and life couldn't be easy for him.

One afternoon I found a note had been slipped into my locker. It read, "Meet me in the field near the creek at 3:30 after school."

I examined it closely. Who could have written it? I didn't recognize the handwriting. I hoped it was Larry's, but couldn't be sure. I wrote that off as wishful thinking. For the rest of the day I wondered. When school let out I was so curious that I had to go and see who it was. I began to eagerly walk there.

As I neared the creek I could see that someone was sitting under the tree, I couldn't make out who it was.

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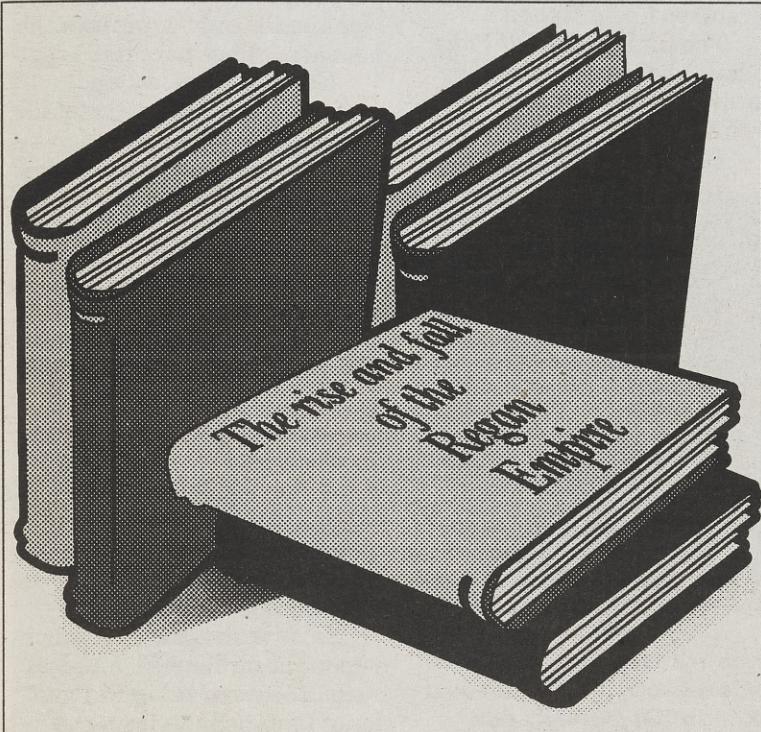
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Woman as Healerby Maria Albin
MGW Staff**Woman as Healer**, by Jeanne Achtenberg, Shambhala Publications, \$19.95.

Dr. Achtenberg has provided us with a starting point in the fascinating study of the healing activities of women from prehistoric times forward. This book is validation of what Achtenberg calls the "feminine myth" ... the behaviors, abilities and beliefs traditionally

book, Achtenberg looks briefly at our medical systems of today. While there are increasing numbers of female health-care practitioners, we are seeing more often a decrease in pay as those careers become "feminized." Midwives, openly accepted and valued in Euro-



associated with women: intuition, nurturance and compassion. Most of the focus of this book is on women as healers from the time of the Sumerians until the 20th century.

We are shown clearly how the once-powerful images of women are wrested from the grasp of those who came before us. We learn how those images were erased from the collective history of the world, and how a new image of women emerged, that image being one of obedience and submission to a patriarchal Christian society. It is particularly upsetting to discover how many of our sisters are hunted, hounded, tortured and killed ... not just for being "witches," but simply for being women. Entire villages were left with no women occupants. Those who survived often continued healing practices underground, but for most women, the centuries-old practices of women as healers was effectively shut down.

In the last chapters of this

pean societies, are ridiculed and persecuted by the American Medical Association. In those countries where midwifery is practiced, such as Holland, the infant mortality rate is very low. In our country, the loss of infants is staggeringly high. Unfortunately, midwives in the United States wield very little organized political power. Until that happens, midwives will not be admitted to mainstream healing, no matter how many lives they may actually save.

While Achtenberg does not discount the skills of male healers in this day and age, she makes it unmistakably clear that a humanistic/holistic approach must be integrated into today's healing practices. Women must be the source of that approach, as we always have been. It's vital we support our women healers with our bodies, our political connections, and with our money. While we're at it, buy a few copies of this book and give them to male doctors you may know. It can only help. ▼

Novel needs fine tuningreviewed by Laura Enright
MGW Staff*A Certain Discontent*, by Cleve Boutell, The Naiad Press Inc., Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302, 1992, 233 pages, \$9.95.

Set just after World War II, *A Certain Discontent* is the story of a well-to-do young American woman growing up and learning about women's roles in society and the price paid by those who are not of the privileged class.

After the separate deaths of her parents, Joanna Becker becomes a ward of her Aunt Beatrice, a woman with a mysterious past. As readers, we follow Joanna's growth and experience her loves and turmoils, ever under the protective eye of Aunt Beatrice and a circle of highly sophisticated women some of which will be sure to surprise you.

A Certain Discontent is author Cleve Boutell's first novel. I state this because I find her style a bit dishevelled for my taste. Parts of the book were hard to follow, a sign in many new authors that some fine tuning is in order, and a footnote to myself to look at their future works to see how they have progressed. ▼

Creating Personal Peaceby Kathy Mengle
MGW Staff

Choose to Live Peacefully, by Susan Smith Jones, Ph.D.; Berkeley, CA: Celestial Arts; 1992, 306 pages, \$11.95 quality paperback.

Jones has been a fitness instructor at UCLA for the past twenty years. In that time, she has also written more than 500 articles and three previous books. She travels internationally as a wellness consultant, keynote speaker, and radio and TV talk show guest.

The premise of this book is that peace begins within ourselves. We must find the still small voice within us, and heed it, before we can create inner peace. And we must have inner peace before we can begin to create a life of peace for ourselves which gradually extends to others and to all of life.

Jones has written forty chapters, one per day during a 40-day fast, in which she

examines various aspects of personal, interpersonal, environmental, and planetary Peace. She understands that peace is no accident: it is consciously chosen and consciously worked toward in our daily thoughts, actions, and values.

She covers a wide range of subjects, including commitment, relationships, courage, solitude, exercise, nutrition, meditation, prayer and fasting, discipline, prosperity and abundance, gratitude, forgiveness, and healing the inner child. These essays are filled with warmth, humor, and compassion. Many contain suggested books and meditations or affirmations relating to the subject for the day. Appendices include a full bibliography, additional suggestions, poems, and affirmations, and a directory for products and organizations. ▼

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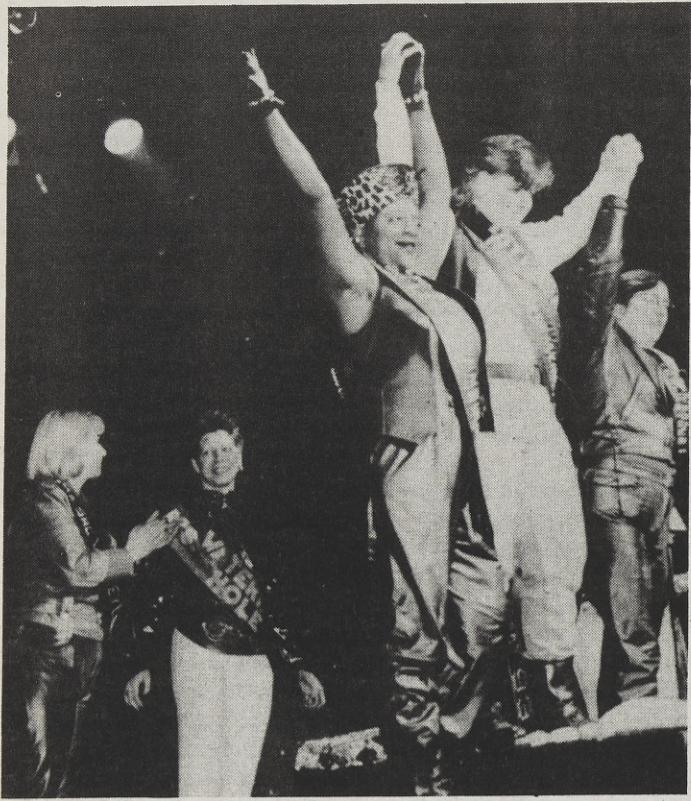
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Congratulations to the New International Ms. Leather winner, Amy Meek; 1st runner up, Queen Cougar; 2nd runner up, Donna Shroud. The Event was held March 20th at the Club Townsend in San Francisco.

A victory for Disney

reviewed by K.K. Ray
MGW Staff

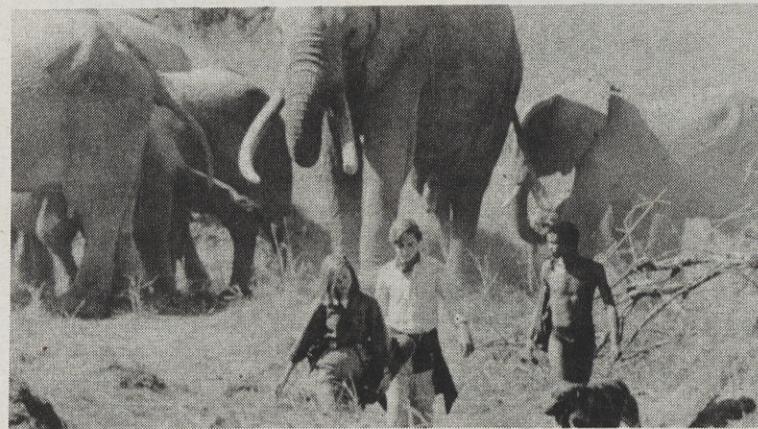
Disney's latest cartoon and movie duo is an awkwardly successful combination of both hilarity and drama with a repetitive underlying theme.

A theater packed full of adults and squirming kids laughed and cheered as Roger Rabbit and Baby Herman adventured through "Yellowstain Park." Laced sneakily with images of clear-cutting, pesticides and tourists destroying the park, the opening cartoon, *Trail*

burn himself to a crisp while drooling over Jessica Rabbit and attempting to ignite a campfire at the same time. He instantly recovers, of course, and proceeds to get squashed between logs, chewed on by a beaver, and stung by bees, while chasing Baby Herman is eventually scooped up by caretaker Roger Rabbit.

The film, *A Far Off Place*, follows the cartoon's respect-nature theme even farther — both subtly and not so subtly.

Filmed in the dry south



Two teenagers Nonnie Parker (Reese Witherspoon, left) and Harry Winslow (Ethan Randall, Center) Cross the African wild with their guide Xhabbo (Sarel Bok, right) in Disney's new movie "A Far Off Place."

Mix-Up, subtly whacks viewers upside the head with the message "respect nature," while entertaining them with aggressive slapstick humor.

As the cartoon begins, we see Roger Rabbit accidentally

African countries of Zimbabwe and Namibia, the movie follows two teenagers, a dog and a native African Bushman across Botswana's treacherous Kalahari Desert. Two teenagers, Nonnie and Harry, em-

bark upon their journey to escape the cold-blooded elephant poachers that killed their parents.

There are many notable relationships in the movie between man and nature, but none so spectacular as the relationship between Xhabbo, the bushman, and the animals. As the three begin their hike Xhabbo communicates silently with a herd of elephants. He "asks" them to follow behind and cover their tracks from the poachers that want to kill Nonnie, the only witness to the massacre of her parents.

Harry is skeptical and sarcastically exclaims "great ... I'm on safari with Doctor Doolittle." As expected, in true Disney style, the elephants follow.

The juxtapositioning of man as predator and man as prey, and nature as foe and nature as ally make this movie a thematic success. Its suitability for very young audiences may be questionable considering the complexities of the film's violence (how do you explain to a four-year-old the reason why men are killing harmless elephants violently with machine guns?)

At its worst, the film was somewhat far fetched, and had me halfway expecting Indiana Jones to parachute from the sky and battle it out with the bad guys, or even Shirley MacLaine to materialize and levitate the three and their dog out of the desolation of the Kalahari.▼

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William Hedge:

by Andross
MGW Staff

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tune that touches you like only live music can. The feeling of harmony is overwhelmingly abundant. Some of the regulars have skills



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The musical talents of William Hedge are showcased Wednesday through Friday in Faces Fireside Lounge.

"New York New York", "Beauty and the Beast", and George Winston's "Thanksgiving" at the piano in the Faces Fireside Lounge. Hedge will be at the Townhouse in April.

Mickey Mitchell serves cocktails with a sincerity that keeps them coming back. The overall effect is quite different than one would usually experience on a late Friday or Saturday evening.

Hedge will play whatever is requested of him or if he doesn't have it bring it in, or he will find it for you. The people flock around the piano and sing along to show tunes. At times the mood shifts and someone will stand next to him and belt out an old sad

that would merit a profession, and when singing along with Hedge, piano playing one might find themselves asking "What are they doing here?" Then there are some whose skills may lack, but they are received just as well as the people that are talented.

Hedge hails from New York City and has been playing the piano in the Sacramento area for close to three and a half years. He has also played in various cabarets and night clubs in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York.

You may remember him from "HEROES" the cabaret revue that ran at the Delta King Theater. Hedge pro-

duced and musically directed the show, which he co-wrote with Jacqueline Schultz. He performed it for ten months creating Sacramento's longest running four star hit. Currently he's creating two more revues after several requests from various theaters and performers in the Sacramento area. Keep your eye open for "Old Friends" and "Some Other Time."

He is self taught and has a great passion for his music. "When I play the music it's not just about the words as written or the music as written, but it's truly about the emotional life of the song."

"I think each song has a life of its own for that moment that it is being performed. Sometimes I may only connect with one person, but that is all that I really needed to do."

That dedication shows through every night he plays, and no matter what one might be feeling they can go there and, as the Billy Joel song says "Forget About Life For A While."

Some staples of the evening would include "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" the theme song from Cheers, and "Piano Man" which both adequately describe the mood that is created. We all, at one time or another, need to go where everybody knows our name, and perhaps have themselves played a memory. ▼

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Phil does Broadway

reviewed by Alicia J. Gonzales
MGW Staff

Are you starving for the drama of lights, the feel of the music vibrating up from your feet, the glitter of sequins, the bow-ties and tails? For a Juilliard-trained soprano and baritone wonder? For the adrenaline rush as you watch the baton, the conductor slashing, punching the air? My fellow music lovers, look no further — Modern Broadway has come to Sacramento!

The Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra has blessed Sacramento with a program so extraordinary, so packed with variety and engaging dramatizations that one simply can't do without going. The dramatization of each song, by soloists Katherine Terell and Lewis Dahle Van Schlanbusch, really casts a spell over the audience. We all sat enraptured by the music and the drama unfolding before us as Schlanbusch, complete with opera mask and cape, became the Phantom. The sinister peel of Carl Naluai's organ raised hairs on every neck in the room. Lovingly crooning *The Music of the Night* to Turell as she melted into his arms, Schlanbusch was thrilling, the

performance ended with a hearty applause for more.

More drama, more intensely emotional music is exactly what we were given. The conductor commanding lead each musician and performer, squeezing every ounce of emotion and talent inside of them out for *A Chorus Line*, *Memory*, and many other pieces from smash hits like *Evita* and *Guys and Dolls*. The finale, with the organ again highlighting and strengthening the orchestra, was so overwhelming that we all stood and cheered.

Hooray for the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra.

And hooray for Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn for helping to make the concert possible, as well as Skip's Music and Colton Piano. The organ was a highlight of the evening and appreciated by the audience.

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Paul Crouch (left) and John Baldes at RCMCC Country Western dance night.

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According to GLEA

Representative Don Kraft, "The Business Fair will help educate the lesbian and gay community about numerous federal resources that are available to help small business owners and also prospective entrepreneurs."

The fair will be held between 9-11am in the 8th Floor Conference Room at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), 409 3rd St. SW, Washington, DC. The SBA is located directly above the Federal Center SW Metro station. There is no admission charge. ▼

Women's Weekend at Russian River

Women from across Northern California, Nevada, and Oregon will converge to celebrate Women's Weekend



along the Russian River, April 30-May 2.

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Mens Chorus goes country

The Sacramento Men's Chorus presents "Country" on Saturday, May 1st at 7pm and 9pm and Sunday, May 2nd at 4pm and 7pm at The Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Boulevard, "Country" is a salute to country music that highlights the Men's Chorus and other local performers. The Cabaret style concert will begin with "Open Road" a local country group performing several songs. The Men's Chorus will perform its "Salute to Country Music" with traditional and contemporary country music. Traditional country songs from artists; like Patsy Cline, Roy Orbison and Mel Tillis will be performed along with contemporary songs from Garth Brooks and Billy Ray Cyrus. Throughout the evening's performance the Rainbow Cloggers and the Capital City Squares will perform dance numbers and Entourage, the Chorus' song and dance ensemble will perform. Tickets are \$10 for the first show and \$15 for the second show which includes Hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased at the following places: The Gifted Gardener at 2122 J Street, Howe Avenue Box Office at 925 Howe Avenue and the Community Center Box Office at 13th and L Streets. 444-5213 ▼

Lambda Letter auction set

Lambda Letters Project is planning their annual auction to raise funds. At last year's auction, they raised close to \$2,000, this helped deliver over 20,000 letters to politicians and public officials.

This year's auction will be held at the Townhouse Restaurant, 1517 21st Street on Sunday, May 16th, at 3pm.

Items are needed for the auction, please call Robert M. Maxie at 421-6009. ▼

ACCESS Sacramento chosen as judging site for National Video Festival

Access Sacramento has been selected to serve as a preliminary judging site for the 16th annual HomeTown Video Festival, sponsored by the Alliance for Community Media (Alliance), to recognize outstanding local cable programs that are produced by or for public, education, and government access facilities and by local origination departments of cable systems.

Access Sacramento will judge videotapes entered in the following categories: Magazine format (volunteer); Sports (single program, professional); Gay and Lesbian (single program, volunteer) and Municipal (single program, volunteer). Info: 456-8600. ▼

March for democracy in America

The Lambda Community Center announced its participation in the "March for Democracy in America" to be held on Saturday, May 1, 11 am at the Longshoreman's Union Hall at 600 4th St., West Sacramento. Marchers will make their way to the state Capitol, arriving at the North Steps of the Capitol building for a 12:30 pm rally.

A statement released by the Committee for Democracy in the Americas declared the event a civil rights march for all "who demand justice and true democracy", including workers, women, people of color, immigrants, and gays and lesbians. Marghe Covino, President of the Lambda "solidarity among all people concerned with justice, democracy and freedom". ▼

Gay films to be shown

Project Survival, will be hosting three separate film presentations. April 15, 1993 TONGUES UNITED, a documentary on the black gay lifestyles. April 29, 1993 PARIS IS BURNING, a docu-drama on gay life in New York City; May 6, 1993 A SAFE SEX FILM.

The films will be shown at Faces, 2000 K Street at 6pm. ▼

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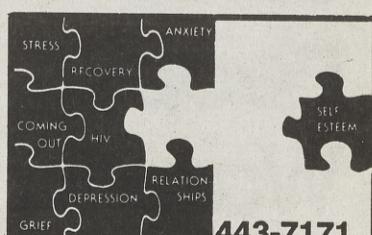
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Our pets as teachers

By Joan B. Guertin
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All of us have favorite pet stories. Naturally, mine revolve mostly around dogs and horses. The most significant stories revolve around events that added to my knowledge of just how potent our pets are as teachers.

Many years ago, back in the mid-70's, with more than



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Where's the food?

15 years experience in the raising, training, and showing of German Shepherd dogs and almost as many years training other people's dogs and running classes, an event centered around my old Corgi, Beau, had a significant impact on the direction my life would take.

Like most people training dogs after World War II, I had been exposed to many of the rigid, authoritarian approaches of German trainers. In addition, my exposure to canine psychology led me to embrace the prevalent concept that dogs were incapable of processing information presented in sentence and our dialogue had to be kept to simple, one syllable words. Given this background, you can imagine my shock and chagrin the night that Beau made a liar out of the "experts".

I was on one of my famous "sabbaticals", having taken a year off to write and make the move from Las Vegas to Nashville with a stopover in Stillwater, Oklahoma where life moved at a snails pace. I really wasn't too concerned about much of anything, so when I noted Beau exercising his three-month-old baby teeth on the corner of my braided rug, I really couldn't get too excited. There really wasn't too much damage that he could do. So, from my vantage point on the sofa, I calmly announced that the reason that I had bought him chew toys was so he would leave my things alone.

Looking back often at this scenario, I remember how bland and neutral my

voice was. I really didn't much care, and I was just making an observation. Beau looked up at me, cocked his head with the one floppy ear and one standing at attention, wrinkled his brow as if he was digesting the information and contemplating just what action to take. I remembered thinking that he really looked like a pint sized version of a much older dog. Anyway, he gave a sigh; got up, strolled to the middle of the living room floor where he picked up a rawhide chip, turned around and strolled back to the rug; turned three times and plopped down with another sigh and proceeded to continue exercise his teeth on his own toy, while I sat in open-mouthed amazement.

Over the next 14 years Beau and I continued our communication in the same view and there was never a doubt that he often had to process our conversations, some of which were not even verbalized. Others who came in contact with this amazing little dog would often comment at the wisdom in his expression.

About that same time I began paying more attention to my Arabian horse, Toro. Like most horse owners, I boarded him with a variety of caretakers, many of whom would begin a visit with the comment "You are not going to believe what your horse did today" and I would just chuckle because I knew that they were becoming aware at just how clever this grey fell was. One significant event centered around a pasture situation. Toro was the only horse that was grained on a regular basis, which meant that when the stable owner arrived in the morning he would get a bucket of grain and was met by Toro at the gate. The ritual included a bow from Toro, his normal greeting to the first person he saw that day, and then he'd get his grain. As a rule, the rest of the board horses were out in the pasture grazing. However, one morning the man arrived to find all of the herd standing at the gate. Wondering how

he would handle the situation of graining only one horse, he stood watching while Toro took care of the situation for him. Calmly, he circled the herd of about eight horses, got them moving with a few well-placed nips and slowly herded them out to pasture to graze. Once they were all quiet and involved in their grazing, Toro calmly strolled back down toward the barn where he delivered his bow and collected his breakfast.

Evie, my CCI puppy is another of those exceptional dogs with a wisdom far more human than canine. When I was having trouble with the thought of parting with her, I had to do a great deal of self-talk and after coming to the realization that my love for her and desire to keep her was selfish, given her destiny as a service dog. I verbalized my thoughts one night while sharing some cuddle time on the sofa. I admitted that parting with her was tough, but I vowed to be brave about it and although I would miss her terribly, I would survive and she would go on to much bigger and better things than I could offer her. Then, I announced bedtime and to my amazement, instead of heading straight into the bedroom and leaping onto my bed, she went straight to her crate. She was back on the bed by morning, and she repeated this ritual for the next three nights. All I could figure was that she was beginning to prepare me by distancing herself from me a bit. And, true, I have survived her leaving, but memories like this keep her close.

I will be forever grateful to my old friend Beau for opening my mind and mak-

ing me aware of the possibilities of communication between man and animals. And I often wonder how many other pets are doing the same sort of things and we don't acknowledge the actions because "experts" say it isn't possible.

For a truly remarkable experience, if the possibilities interest you, pick up a copy

of J. Allen Boone's *KINSHIP WITH ALL LIFE*, Harper and Row, 1954. It is now out in paperback and re-reading it recently reminded me that I am not the only one who has experienced the privilege of being educated by my animals. We can all watch our pets and learn remarkable things from them. ▼



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RCDC Lambda Awards Dinner	October 10
Coming Out Day	October 11
MGW Newspaper Anniversary	November
Gay Games - New York	June, 1994
N.Y. Stonewall 25 March	June 26, 1994
Snow White Champagne Ball	December 11, 1994

SECRETARIES DAY

SUGAR MAMA SINGS THE BLUES - GWEN AVERY, SACWN, Penthouse at the Galleria 2901 K Str., 6:30pm \$12-\$20, 451-8034.

18 - Sunday

PASTA AND A PERFORMANCE, The Fantasy Theatre, B Street Theatre, 2711 B St., 5-8pm, 442-5635.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, Potluck and Planning Meeting, Call Diana 487-3124.

MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF FAITH, River City M.C.C., 2-3pm, 737-3409.

LAKE MERRITT DINGHY RACE, ELECTION AND PICNIC, Boating Club for Women.

ASIAN PACIFIC SISTERHOOD, support group, 4pm, 758-0195 or 756-0277.

WOMEN OF COLOR, 7:15-9pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Josie 442-0185.

RED GRAMMER UCD Presents. 757-3199.

MOTHER LODE DIXIELAND BENEFIT, Sutter Creek, (209) 267-5632.

19 - Monday

RCDC INVITES ASSEMBLYWOMAN DELAINE EASTIN, River City Democratic Club, YWCA 17th and L Str., 6:30pm.

COUNTRY WESTERN SWING & LINE DANCING MINI-COURSE BEGINS, MCC Grand Ballroom 2741 34th Street, Beg 6pm, Intern 7:15pm, 4wks-\$28. John Batchelor 453-8991.

COMMUNITY FORUM BY SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPT., 6:30pm, Grant High School, 1400 Grand Ave., 444-5441.

WORRIED WELL HIV-Seronegative, 6:30pm, SAF, 920 20th St., 448-2437.

TWIN SPIRITS VETERANS ASSOC., 7:30pm, MCC Grand Ballroom, Joan Lewis 662-9478.

SCC LGSA 5:30pm, B220.

20 - Tuesday

NON-GAY SPOUSES OF GAY AND LESBIAN MATES, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Narthex of St. Marks United Methodist Church 2391 St Marks Way, 7:30pm, 665-1050.

COUNTRY WESTERN SWING & LINE DANCING MINI-COURSE BEGINS, MCC Grand Ballroom 2741 34th Street, Beg 6pm, (no Intm class on Tues), 4wks-\$28. John Batchelor 453-8991.

HEART TO HEART HIV+ Support group for Gay/Bi males, 6:30, SAF, 920 20th St. Jerry 448-2437.

BEING GAY TODAY, Lesbian and gay TV program, Cable 18, 10 pm.

MAKE CONTACT, Castro Hibachi, 800-303-GGBA.

21 - Wednesday

SECRETARIES DAY

LESBIAN & GAY BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING, Carrow's Restaurant 28th & J Str., 641-8775

JAVA LIVE Open Mike, live TV taping, signups 7:30pm, no cover, Java City, 1800 Capitol Ave., 444-JAVA.

SCC LGSA SAC CITY Meeting, 5:30 pm, B220 Sac. City College.

SAC FRANCISCO LANDSCAPE GARDEN SHOW, Friends of Recreation & Parks, April 21-25, Fort Mason Center \$1 - \$8, Opening Night Party, April 20, 6-9pm Festival Pavilion \$75-\$100, (415) 750-5105.

LAMBDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 6:30pm, Lambda Center, 442-0185.

22 - Thursday

SPRING SKATE PARTY, SAGE, Foothill Skate, 8:30-10:30 pm. 635-1535.

23 - Friday

MICHAEL SNEDEKER READS DOWN IN THE VALLEY, Time Test Books, 1114 21st, 7:30pm.

24 - Saturday

SACRAMENTO FRONT RUNNERS, LESBIAN/GAY, CSUS Guy West Bridge, 9am, Jim Brown 387-8275.

BOAT SHOW, FREE power and sailboat rides for the family provided by Yachtsman magazine, Jack London Square Port of Oakland, April 24-May 2, 10-7pm, (510) 452-6262.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, Full Moon Hike, 753-6670.

ARTALK, California Academy, 1020 10th St., 9:30-11am, \$10-\$80, Clayton Pinkerton 448-8723.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE, Rainbow Real Estate, Lambda Center, 10-4pm, Bridget Maron 457-3633.

FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL, Bodega Bay, (707) 875-3422, thru April 25.

ASPARAGUS FESTIVAL, Stockton, (209) 466-6674.

CAMPING WOMEN at Marine World, 395-2007.

25 - Sunday

MARCH ON WASHINGTON

MARCH ON SACRAMENTO, 11:30 at Fremont Park, 736-0426, 457-3849.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Holy Eucharist, 8am, High Mass 10am, holy Eucharist in Spanish 12:30pm, 1430 J St., 446-2620

WOMEN OF COLOR, 7:15-9pm, Lambda Center, 1931 L St., Josie 442-0185.

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SOCIAL WORKERS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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VINTAGE CHANTICLEER Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5pm, \$19, 920-1121.

26 - Monday

PENTAGON SIEGE, Washington DC, Melinda Daniels (718) 768-6852.

ALVIN AILEY DANCE THEATRE, 8pm, UCD Presents. 757-3199 thru April 28.

ACUPUNCTURE/CHINESE MEDICINE, 7-10pm, 920 20th St. 448-2437.

27 - Tuesday

FALSETTOS, The Best of Broadway, Curran Theatre, 4/27-5/1, \$17-\$50, 415-776-1999.

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28 - Wednesday

COMMUNITY FORUM BY SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPT., 6:30pm, St. Francis Girls School, 6051 M St., 444-5441.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy Kindergarten, 6:30, Beginning 6:30, Advanced 7:40, Intermediate 7:40, Cresta Park, 485-2201.

SCC LGSA SAC CITY Meeting, 5:30 pm, B220 Sac. City College.

29 - Thursday

PARIS IS BURNING FILM, Faces, 2000 K Street, 6pm, 454-0516

INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, San Francisco, 1560 Filmore St., (415) 567-4641.

30 - Friday

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH AND RALLY, Community Consortium to Prevent Child Abuse, 11am 3rd & N St., Rally is on West Capital steps at noon, Country Western Dance to follow. 457-6826.

COMMUNITY FORUM BY SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPT., 6:30pm, Valley High School, 6300 Ehrhardt Ave., 444-5441.

SAC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, "Beethoven's Ninth," 8pm, 264-5181.

WOMENS WEEKEND Russian River, April 3-May 2, (707) 869-2971

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JANICE GIMBEL-LEE, Joseph's Town & Country, 9:30pm & 11pm. \$3

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1 - Saturday

SACRAMENTO FRONT RUNNERS, LESBIAN/GAY, CSUS Guy West Bridge, 9am, Jim Brown 387-8275.

CINCO de MAYO - SAN FRANCISCO, Mission Economic Cultural Ass., 2899 24th St. S.F. (415) 826-1401.

THE AMERICAS MARCH FOR DEMOCRACY, The Committee for Democracy in The Americas, North Side of State Capitol, Assemble Time 11am Rally 12:30pm, 446-3021.

GARDEN SHOW, Lotus Valley Nursery and Gardens, 5606 Petersen Lane, Lotus CA., May 18, 626-7021.

GARGE SALE, Sacramento Women's Center, Irene 441-4207.

SACRAMENTO MEN'S CHORUS COUNTRY, Congregation B'nai Israel (3600 River side Blvd.), May 1, 7 & 9pm. May 2, 4 & 7pm, \$10/1st Show, \$15/2nd Show, 444-5213

DMITRI RATSER UCD Presents. 757-3199.

SACRAMENTO POPS Broadway: Classic and Classy. Music of Jerome Kern and Cole Porter. 8 pm. CCEH 649-0200.

AFRICAN TRIBAL SCULPTURE - SERPENTINE, Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd. May 1-30, 448-1211

2 - Sunday

COMING OUT WORKSHOP SERIES, one-day workshops for women new to their woman-loving feelings or identity, 10am-4:30pm, Mountain View, \$45-\$65 per day. Dotty Calabrese (415) 968-1981.

RECITAL SERIES Jazz Concert. \$8. 3 pm. Unitarian Universalist Society., 2425 Sierra Blvd. 483-9283.

3 - Monday

SEX TIP SWAP MEET Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St. S.F., 8pm, Free, 415-974-8980.

GALLERIES

Abreu Gallery, Life Size Sculpture - Sally Lewis, Surrealistic Pastels - Brian Rogne, New Serigraphs - Robert Scharr, thru April 30, Reception: April 10, 6pm, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211.

ARC Art Gallery, 4700 College Oak Dr. 484-8433.

Archival Framing Gallery, "Putting' On The Dog," Reception: April 10, 7pm, 1729 L St., 444-9624.

Big Art, 1928 L St., 446-2740.

IDEA Gallery, "Rice Story" - Florence Flo Oy Wong, May 1-June 12, reception: May 1, 7pm, 3414 4th Ave 452-0949

J. Maddux Parker Gallery, Works on Paper - Luis Cruz Azaceta, April 6-May 3, reception: April 10, 6pm, 1107 22nd St., 448